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SUBJECT:GUATEMALAN EARTHQUAKE - FIELD COMPUTER FOR CO-
ORDINATION OF INFORMATION ON DISASTER RELIEF
SUPPLIES & ACTIVITIES

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1. FDRC STILL SEEKING SOURCE OF DOD FIELD COMPUTER; ALSO
ASSESSING ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES.

IMMEDIACY OF NEED TO COLLECT INCOMING SUPPLY DATA AND
ASSESSMENT DATA IS FULLY APPRECIATED. ASSUMING THAT NO
DOD OR OTHER COMPUTER "PACKAGE" WE MAY FIND WILL MEET YOUR
NEEDS, OTHER APPROACHES MAY BE FEASIBLE. DATA COLLECTION
COULD PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY OF MACHINE INPUT AS LONG AS
CONSISTENCY AND COMPATIBILITY OF DATA ARE INSURED. DATA
COULD LATER BE PROCESSED AT A LOCALLY AVAILABLE COMPUTER
SITE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE MINI-COMPUTERS AND SMALL

MEDIUM SCALE COMPUTERS IN OPERATION IN GUATEMALA CITY.
ANALYSIS AND PROGRAMMING EXPERTISE MAY BE AVAILABLE LO-
CALLY. PHILIP CHURCH, USAID/G AG ECONOMIST KNOWS POTENTIAL
AT SIECA AND HACIENDA.

3. A PROJECT THIS AMBITIOUS APPEARS RISKY AT BEST IN THE
CRISIS ENVIRONMENT YOU ARE FACING. UNLESS THE PROGRAMM-
ING AND HARDWARE CAPACITY, INCLUDING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT
, ARE AVAILABLE IN GUATEMALA CITY, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND
THAT OTHER LESS SOPHISTICATED APPROACHES BE CONSIDERED
BY THE MISSION. SISCO

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